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St. Louis Arsenal Hospital
May 24th 1836

Sir,

Being under your command as Steward of this Hospital and responsible to you for my conduct as such - I suppose to you I must look to obtain redress for any grievances I may have?

I consider it a duty to myself then, to inform you that Lieutenant J. R. Tufts being in command of this Post during the temporary absence of Capt. Symington on Sunday the 15th Instant - came to the Hospital - into my room - and ordered me into confinement. He (J. Tufts) remained in my room some time; before he left he said as my duties were indispensable, or something to that effect, I must consider myself confined to the limits of the Post only.

Now, Sir, as several days have elapsed since, and nothing has been done in the affair, I wish to know what course to pursue, and whether I am

still to consider myself in confinement.

I respectfully submit this brief statement of
facts, but if desired will give the particulars
with witnesses. —

Very Respectfully
Yrs. mo. att. Servt.

G. Johnson
Asst. Steward

To.
Doct. Wm Beaumont }
Surgeon U. S. Army }
St. Louis Mo. }

Hospl Steward
Letter to
May 24 1886

On Public Service

to

Doctor Wm Beaumont
Engineer U.S. Army

St. Louis Mo.